

COUNCIL BRIEFS

March 13, 2015

Grand List grows slightly: The 2014 Grand List of taxable property grew by 0.31 percent, or \$18.5 million, for a total of \$5,947,138,136. The breakdown is as follows:

- Real estate list increased by \$15,078,791 or 0.28%. Growth was attributed to new construction and remodeling projects
- Motor Vehicles list increased \$3,497,596 or .85%. While the total vehicle count is virtually unchanged, the influx of new vehicles accounted for part of the growth.
- Personal Property remains flat with an increase of \$640, in spite of a net change of 21 new businesses.

The Top 10 taxpayers are:

1. Blue Back Square Holdings, LP - \$75,658,380
2. West Farms Mall - \$38,204,390
3. Connecticut Light & Power - \$37,699,280
4. Corbins Corner Shopping Center - \$33,839,820
5. Town Center West Associates - \$24,933,960
6. Bishop's Corner (E&A) LLC - \$18,242,890
7. McAuley Center Inc. - \$17,740,870
8. E & A Northeast Limited Partnership - \$15,498,070
9. Prospect Plaza Improvements, LLC - \$13,994,540
10. Westgate Apartment, LLC - \$13,248,900

West Hartford's Cookin': Join your favorite "celebrity chefs" from the Town Council, Board of Education, town officials and school principals for an evening of food, fun and silent/live auction on March 21, 6:30-9:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium. The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools funds innovative programs from pre-k through high

school to enhance the excellence of West Hartford's public schools. For tickets and more information, please visit www.fwhps.org or call 860-561-8755.

New electronic way to report problems: The Department of Public works now has a new application for residents to submit concerns to the Town. In just three steps, YourGOV users can submit common issues — such as potholes, vandalism, street light outages and more — complete with location, details and photos. Once submitted, YourGOV will automatically deliver requests to appropriate manager within the Department of Public Works where they will review and schedule a repair. YourGov works in conjunction with Cartegraph, DPW's day-to-day management operations system.

It is quick and easy to report a problem. First go to <https://yourgov.cartegraph.com/> and enter 'West Hartford, CT' in the location box. Click on + sign to add your complaint.

1. Enter the street address
2. Select from one of 15 issue types, and type a description
3. Click on the orange SUBMIT button

You have the option of uploading a photograph to go with your message. Residents have an opportunity to create an account or to use the system anonymously.

The new on-line service went into effect on February 27 when the town's new web site went live. Prior to YourGov, residents would call the office and staff would enter the information into Cartegraph. Over time, DPW expects YourGov will reduce call volume and streamline services. Users can download the app on their computer and Apple and Android mobile devices.

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